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[54] **CATV DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITH EACH CHANNEL HAVING ITS OWN REMOTE SCHEDULER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A cable television (CATV) system including a plurality of headends, each headend outputting different video/audio programs to subscribers by way of a plurality of channels. The playlist or scheduling data corresponding to each channel is generated and modified by a separate and distinct scheduling computer, the scheduling computers for each channel being located at different locations. Such a system allows the output of each CATV channel at different headends to be generated, modified, and controlled via separate schedulers. This is advantageous in environments where different companies control the distribution of different channels. For example, company A, which outputs its programs via channel 1 may control the channel 1 playlist from its headquarters, while company B which outputs its programs via channel 3 may control channel 3 scheduling from its headquarters, the headquarters of companies A and B of course being remote from one another thereby enabling companies A and B to control their respective channel presentation from locations of their choice.

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